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HOW'S THIS FOR RED TAPE?

A sample of "government as she is governed" under the inefficiency experts of the Wilson administration is furnished by a New York manufacturer who sends a copy of a "proposal for supplies" issued by the Supply Department of the Navy on Nov. 12th from the Philadelphia Supply Depot. The blank proposal and instructions fill two large sheets with fine type, and the bidders are instructed to execute the proposals in triplicate. A fourth blank with a fifth document giving detailed instructions is thrown in for good measure. The mailing list from which this request for proposals is sent out carries three hundred names of firms supplying the kind of article wanted. Under the usual practice, the manufacturer states, he will later receive a tabulation of the bids with information as to who the lucky bidder is. The article asked for is ONE COPPER GASKET, not special, the price of which, right off the shelf, in any city in the country is FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS. In clerical work, paper, cost of carriage by mail, etc., not to mention wear and tear on the recipients of the proposal, the government is spending probably fifty dollars to get this fifty-eight cent article. "Certainly writes the manufacturer, 'it is about time for the government to revise its business methods. Perhaps our President-elect will get into it—unless the thing is all bound round with the tape of precedent until you could not break it with a jimmy and burglar tools. Certainly so much technicality in connection with a fifty-eight cent purchase, accompanied by so much prodigality in expending hundreds of millions, as illustrated in the operations of the U. S. Shipping board now being revealed to the public eye, would be amusing—if it were not tragic."

—National Republican.
These are the little things which annoy the American people, especially when you consider that the money thus wasted was gained by harassing some struggling store-keeper or merchant with an income tax schedule, where the income was a question, and probably nine chances out of ten that there was no in-

come. However, the stage is set for a change of scene Mar. 4, and then the American people will come back into their own.

No sooner is this Republican victory achieved than the country is promised a return to soup houses and bread lines in place of the amazing prosperity it has had for so many years—New York World.

D'ye remember, son, the 1914 industrial crisis? What about the soup and bread lines then? Probably not, for it is difficult to remember such things as happening during one's own political regime. And d'ye remember it was under the same tariff that exists now? If it takes war to make "amazing prosperity," let us not have either, but just common-place, every-day prosperity, with just a little bit of "amazing grace."

Last fall when work was started on the Whitwell road the News was told that poor quality gravel was being used. We commented on this, and said care should be taken to put on only good material. It seems that inferior stuff was used, and portions of the road are in a terrible state. It is too bad, but the people seem to be helpless in the matter, the money being constantly squandered in putting on stuff that never will make a road bed.

Those boys guilty of hazing should organize a football team so as to damage one another scientifically and with honor. It is entirely creditable in a football game to set the other fellow on his head every chance you get provided he lets you. And that's fair. The other way is not.

Marion roads are getting fiercer. Better quit grading and crush rock.

TENNESSEE COMPANY SUE FOR MILLION DOLLARS

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 1.—The case of the Eastern Products Company of Pittsburg, against the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, involving an alleged breach of contract for which damages in a sum totaling a million dollars are sought, will go on trial before Chancellor T. L. Stewart here Tuesday.

The suit grows out of a contract made by the Chattanooga Steel Company, the properties of which were purchased by the Eastern Products Company, with the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company in 1917, for delivery of a quantity of pig iron at the market price at that date, it being charged that the Tennessee Company failed to furnish any part of the iron.

Jasper

Special to the News.

Cold and damp weather seems to be the order of the day.

The hosiery mill started up Friday morning. May be the girls will now have some Christmas money.

Misses Cora and Martha Lawson called on Miss Charlie Webb Saturday.

Levi Webb has been confined to his room for several days but is some better.

If you want to see Myrtle Lewis smile ask her who she walked with Sunday.

Miss Birdie Webb sure looked cute at church Sunday.

Hugh Pennington called on Bethel Webb Sunday night.

Mrs. Sarah Holloway called on Mrs. Levi Webb Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Crit Webb and children called on his father Sunday night.

Miss Myrtle Quarles sure looked pleasant Sunday walking down the road.

Bethel Webb and Claud Lewis sure looked sweet walking down the road Friday evening.

If you want to see Claud Lewis smile just ask him who he was talking to Sunday afternoon.

Uncle Jerry Holloway is better. Lummie Tuders sure looked cute walking on the road Sunday with his gun and hunting sack and dog. Hurry, Lummie, and kill some squirrels for ye writer sure likes squirrels.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tuders have moved back in town. Glad to have them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dawson and baby called on Dick Dawson Sunday.

Miss Willie Pennington called on Charlie Webb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Turner called on Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brack Templeton, Sunday afternoon.

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Rain on the Roof

By Coates Kenney
In National Republican

When the humid shadows hover
Over all the starry spheres,
And the melancholy darkness
Gently weeps in rainy tears
What a joy to press the pillow
Of a cottage chamber bed
And to listen to the patter
Of the soft rain overhead.

Every tinkle on the shingles
Has an echo in the heart
And a thousand dreamy fancies
Into busy being start;
And a thousand recollections
Weave their air threads into woof,
As I listen to the patter
Of the rain upon the roof.

And another comes to thrill me
With her eyes delicious blue;
And forget I, gazing on her,
That her heart was all untrue;
I remember that I loved her
As I may never love again,
And my heart's quick pulses vibrate
To the patter of the rain.

Now in memory comes my mother,
As she used in days ago,
To survey her darling dreamers
Ere she left them till the dawn:
O! I see her leaning o'er me,
As I list to this refrain
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

There is naught in art's bravuras
That can work with such a spell
In the spirit's pure deep fountains
Whence the holy passions swell
As that melody of Nature,
That subdued, subduing strain
Which is played upon the shingles
By the patter of the rain.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Willie Lee, of Whitwell, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrol Griffith, who underwent an operation in Chattanooga last week, is reported doing well.

See advertisement of M. D. Brewer, which gives you some lower prices which will surely cheer your heart.

Melvin Campbell, of the mountain, was here yesterday morning, and said it was chilly on the "breezy heights."

A Christmas program is being prepared under direction of Mrs. L. P. Brewer.

Vann & Alley have a nice ad in the News this week which merits your attention. They are one crowd which believes in advertising and reap rewards therefrom.

Fred Leland, 1742 Ionia St., Jacksonville, Fla., will read the News for six months. He is a former Sequachee boy, who recently settled down to married life in that Southern city.

Flashlight batteries for sale at the News office.



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